THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government of India have recently issued sanctions to raise 15 India Reserve Battalions by States as detailed below:—

S.No.	Name of State	No. of Battalions
1	Andhra Pradesh	2
2	Assam	2
3	Himachal Pradesh	1
4	Mizoram	1
5	Manipur	1
6	Punjab	3
7	Rajasthan	2
8	Sikkim	1
	TOTAL	15

These Battalions will be raised and trained for internal security duties by the concerned States, with suitable assistance from the Central Government.

Granting Hill District Development Council Status to Leh

350. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jammu and Kashmir Government have recently recommended to the "Centre" the granting of Hill District Development Council Status to the frontier District of Leh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The issue of setting up suitable institutional arrangements to meet the aspirations and problems of the people of the remote border region of Ladakh has been under consideration. A series of official level talks were held with the representatives of the region in 1992. In the last meeting held in Delhi in November, 1992, issues requiring further discussion between the State Govt. and representatives of the region had been identified. These discussions have since been held and a note has been received from the State Government. Further discussions are proposed to be held at the Government of India level on this.

Professional training courses for I.P.S. Officers

351. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure for sending IPS Officers for professional training courses abroad;

(b) whether there is any Selection Committee;

(c) if so, what is the composition of the Committee;

(d) whether there is any change/rotation among the Members of Selection Committee;